Committees on electoral reforms

3989. SHRI KRISAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Committees appointed by Government on electoral reforms and when ;

(b) the action Government have taken in the implementation of the recommendations of these Committees;

(c) if no, action has been taken the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring forward a comprehensive Bill on electoral reforms, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Although, the subject of Electoral Reforms has been considered at various Seminars and Fora from time to time, a Committee, popularly known as Dinesh Goswami Committee, was appointed by the Government in 1990 which was headed by the then Minister for Law and Justice.

(b) to (d) Some of the main recommendations of the Dinesh Goswami Committee, viz., making the Election Commission a three member body, fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1991 census and use of electronic voting machines in elections, have already been accepted by the Government. The other main recommendations of the Committee alongwith certain other proposals on electoral reforms are under consideration of the Government for which a comprehensive package is proposed to be brought forward. No time-frame can, however, be indicated at present.

महाराष्ट्र में न्यायालय भवनों का निर्माण

3990. **श्रीमती चंद्रिका अभिनंदन जैन** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने राज्य के विभिन्न जिलों में न्यायालय भवन व आवसीय एककों के निर्माण के लिए अब तक कितने प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार को भेजे हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक कोई उपयुक्त निर्णय लिया है यदि हां तो 31 जनवरी, 1994 को इस संबंध में क्या स्थिति थी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने 1993-94 के दौरान उक्त योजना के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता निधि से वित्तीय सहायता हेतु कोई उपबंध किया है; और

(घ) प्रत्येक जिले में प्रस्तावित योजना कब तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंस राज भारद्वाज) : (क) से (घ) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने, आठवीं योजना के दौरान केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित स्कीम के अधीन विभिन्न जिलों के लिए वित्तीय और भौतिक परिव्यय दर्शित करते हुए एक प्रस्ताव भेजा है । प्रस्ताव में 22 जिला/अपर जिला सेशन न्यायाधीश न्यायालयों के भवन, अधीनस्थ न्यायालयों के लिए 129 न्यायालय भवन, जिला/अपर जिला सेशन न्यायाधीशों के लिए निवासस्थान के 34 निवासीय एकक और न्यायिक अधिकारियों के निवासस्थान के लिए 194 एककों का निर्माण सम्मिलित है ।

महाराष्ट्र सरकार को वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए तारीख 31 जनवरी, 1994 को, 183.3 लाख रुपए की रकम अनंतिम रूप से आबंटित की गई थी । तत्पश्चात् वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता बढ़ाकर 193.8 लाख रुपए कर दी गई थी जो कि राज्य सरकार को अब तक दी जा चुकी है ।

Policies and Schemes for Future Elections

3991. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY : SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has announced the schemes and programmes for future elections recently;

(b) whether the decision of the Election Commission is based on the consensus arrived at by the political leaders ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that weighed with the Election Commission to unilaterally decide various election programmes without consulting the political parties and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The Commission has announced programmes for holding bye-election/election to some parliamentary/assembly constituencies in different States and also to the Legislative Councils of Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The election law does not make it obligatory on the part of Election Commission to consult political parties or Government before announcing the programme for election.